

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June 27, 2008 has been entered.
2. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of the claims have been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert P. Lord, Registration No. 46,479, on September 8, 2008.

4. Claim 2 is cancelled and claims 1, 3, and 24 are amended, as presented below, to address any potential issues of 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, and to place the claims in a condition for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 3 and 22 have been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended),

At line 5, after “enabled probe” please insert in response to a request from a first tracing consumer; and

At line 17, after “the probe for” please delete [[a]] and insert the.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended),

The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the request comprises a tuple having a provider component, a module component, a function component, and a name component.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended),

At line 7, after “enabled probe” please insert in response to a request from a first tracing consumer; and

At line 19, after “the probe for” please delete [[a]] and insert the.

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Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 3-6, 10-15, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 24 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach or reasonably suggest, in the combinations recited in independent claims 1, 11, 20 and 22 wherein the probe is enabled for a plurality of multiplexed tracing consumers and different actions are associated with the probe for each of the plurality of multiplexed tracing consumers, performing a first action associated with the probe for the first tracing consumer selected from the plurality of multiplexed consumers and performing a second action associated with the probe for a second tracing consumer selected from the plurality of multiplexed tracing consumers as reflected in Applicant's arguments (see Applicant's remarks, page 10).

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHENECA P. SMITH whose telephone number is

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(571)270-1651. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00-4:30 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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